

FORM E - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.	Form no.
B	79

1. Town Lexington

Address 26 Bedford Street

Isaac Mulliken House

Present use Dwelling

Present owner Johnson/Corbett

Description:

1823

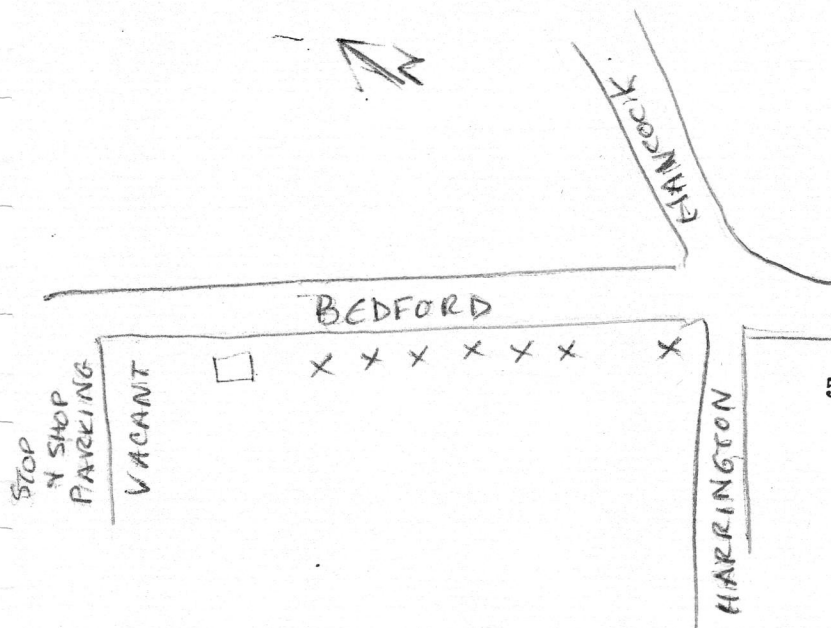
Source

Federal

Architect



in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.



Exterior wall fabric wide shingle (gray)

Outbuildings (describe) tool shed-

Other features Gable roof-twin rear chimneys closed pediment on gable, additions on west 2 porches on south, shed addition on east- 5 windows above 4 - pediment & pilaster doorway - stone foundation.

Altered many additions Date

Moved from 2001 Mass Ave Date 1892

5. Lot size:

One acre or less x Over one acre

Approximate frontage 42'

Approximate distance of building from street

10'

6. Recorded by Ruth Beebe

Organization Lex.Hist. Com.

Date August 22, 1975

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USGS Quadrant

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(over)

7. Original owner (if known) _____

Original use _____

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	_____	Conservation	_____	Recreation	_____
Agricultural	_____	Education	_____	Religion	_____
Architectural	_____	Exploration/	_____	Science/	_____
The Arts	_____	settlement	_____	invention	_____
Commerce	_____	Industry	_____	Social/	_____
Communication	_____	Military	_____	humanitarian	_____
Community development	_____	Political	_____	Transportation	_____

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

This house, owned now (1984) by Walter Johnson, was built by Isaac Mulliken, master carpenter of Lexington, in 1823. It formerly stood on the site of what is now 2001 Massachusetts Avenue (owned by St. Brigid's Parish).

Francis Edward Ballard came to Lexington in 1871 and in the 1890s bought the house and land at 2001 Massachusetts Avenue (owned by H.G. Worth in 1889) and built the present edifice. In so doing he moved the Mulliken house to Bedford Street. The Ballard family was very prominent in Lexington affairs from 1871 until recent times. Twin brothers, Lawrence and Lewis Ballard, still reside in the town.

Of course, Isaac Mulliken's family can be traced in Lexington from 1752 (see Hudson, Volume II).

(See archives of the Lexington Historical Society)

S. Lawrence Whipple, 1984

*According to the Minute-man of Sept. 2, 1892
the old Charles Robinson place was on the property
Ballard had just purchased from H.G. Worth.*

*Lisa Mausolf
July 2009*

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)